

Les Marêts

A dolmen shows that humans inhabited this site in the Neolithic Age. Writings from the 13th century mention the foundation of a chapel in Les Marêts in 1229. There was also a dominion on the site. This village was part of the archbishopric of Sens, which authorised the establishment of St Hubert's priory, supervised by the abbey St Jacques de Provins. The place became a parish in 1580 and annexed the hamlets of Maréchères and Corberon. The Dauvet family's rule as the lords of Les Marêts lasted for over a century. Les Marêts became a high spot for the aristocracy during their rule. In the 18th century, François Louis Dauvet transformed Les Marêts into a marquisate. After 1765, the Marquis of Champcenest lost interest in the château which became a large farm. In the 20th century, the town population dwindled with urban migration.



The château

This former unfinished fortress was built around 1500 by Jacques Cœur during the Hundred Years' War. The fortification had high walls, fortified outposts, a dovecote with arrow slits, a 3-storey castle keep, crowned with battlements and a stone bridge over a moat. It also had a double drawbridge, one for carriages and the other for pedestrians. Destruction during the French Revolution, by the Marquis de Champcenest did not include the fortified walkways. The castle keep is currently being refurbished.



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Departure: Les Marêts
(church car park)

GPS: Lat. Long. : 48.67083 - 3.31348

UTM: 31U 0523087 - 5390922

Access: The village Les Marêts is located about 15km north of Provins and 17km south of La Ferté-Gaucher.

The Hiker's Code of Conduct

- Do not leave the marked paths.
- If there are any doubts regarding which path to take, markings take precedence over the description.
- Respect nature and private property.
- Don't litter.
- Avoid routes during hunting season (check with the town halls or the Seine-et-Marne hunting federation).
- Close gates and fences after you.
- Whenever possible, remove any obstacles from the path.



20,6 km



Duration: 5h15



Yellow



Difficult



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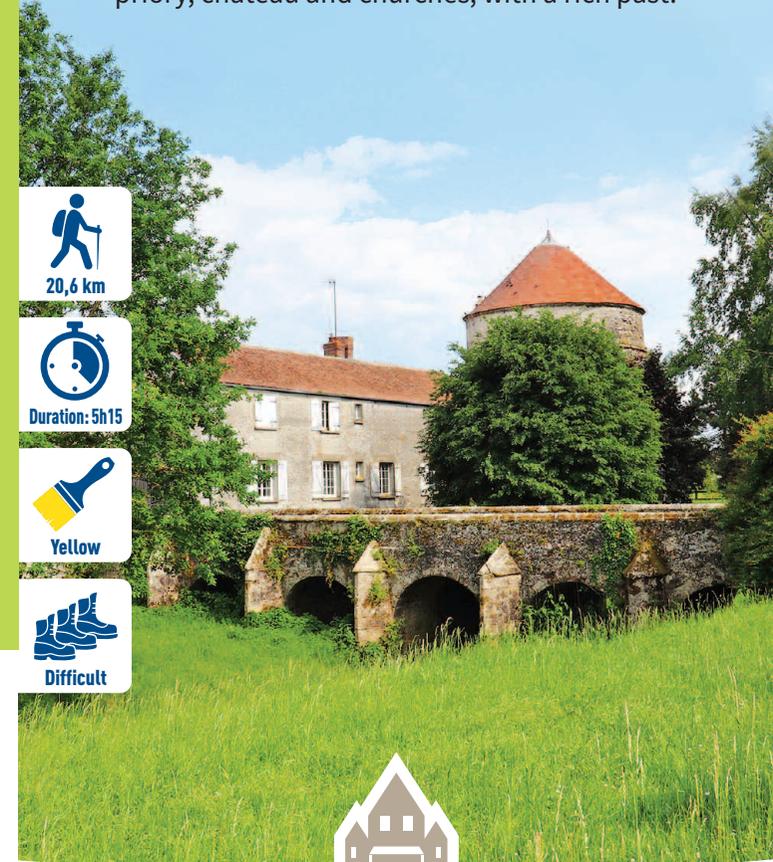


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LES MARÊTS The warlords' watch

Out in the countryside, passing through villages and hamlets, this hike passes the manorial farm, priory, château and churches, with a rich past.



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The warlords' watch

- 1 With your back to the church, turn left, pass the Town Hall and the Château.
- 2 Cross the D71E, take the track opposite. Pass the street on your right and the track on your left. Cut across the D71A, follow the track opposite, slightly to your right which goes around the hamlet of Maréchères, and turn left.
- 3 At the crossroads turn left, cross the wood then walk along the edge of the wood. When you reach the hamlet, turn left. Walk along Epinay wood, then turn right alongside this wood. Cut across the track and the D12 to walk along the edge of Marcilly wood.
- 4 Go round the wood on your right and follow the left track. Outside Grimbois Manor, take the left road, then take the track on your left.
- 5 Bear right to reach Voulton. Turn left onto the D71, turn right into Rue de l'Église and left into Rue Creuse. This turns into a track alongside the cemetery which goes straight ahead through the wood.
- 6 When you reach the D12, continue along the narrow road opposite. In the hamlet of Coëffrin, go past the large farm typical of Brie and follow the road on your left. Turn right into the track after the water tower, then left to cross Couperdrix and follow the road opposite to the D71. Zigzag to take the track. On the D71E, turn left.
- 2 At the fork, bear right back to the starting point.



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